

# Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School

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## Diman Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2017

### 1. Call to Order

- Called at 6:33 p.m.
- Approved Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2017 by Beth Cabral, seconded by Katie Warren.
- Attendees: Lisa Desrosiers, Beth Cabral, Kim Barnwell, Jenny Lugo, Judy Davis, Kerri Thro, Mary-Elizabeth Perry, Aimee Sousa, Joe Costa, Donna Fastino, Kathie Galego, Kate Warren. Guest Attendees: Eric Baumann

### 2. Financial

- Checking and savings were reviewed and reconciled.

### 3. Title I

- The consultant was given 125 pages of material, including PAC information. They were impressed with parent engagement. The report will be ready soon and included on the November School Committee agenda. The PAC will receive a master copy. MCAS remediation will be starting in November. The PSAT's will be a morning session during school hours. Contact Katie Warren or a Guidance Counselor with questions.

### 4. Dual Enrollment

- A representative from Bristol Community College (BCC), Eric Baumann presented information on Dual Enrollment with informational handouts and pamphlets.
- Dual Enrollment is a program offering high school students the opportunity to take college courses and earn college credit. Credits are transferrable to many four-year colleges in Massachusetts. The program allows students to get a feel for college and allows students to participate in activities on campus. Students are eligible to have earned the equivalency of an associate's degree by their high school graduation if they take enough courses in this program. A GPA of 2.5 or higher is required. A student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher in their college courses may lower their tuition rate. Actual instruction may be online, face-to-face, or a hybrid of both. Diman has its own advisor for this program. Typically, this starts

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in their junior year, but they may accept underclassmen. Students under 16 years of age would require an underage request form. There are both school year and summer programs. Financial-aid students may receive one free course. There are scholarships and other free STEM and Perkins grants available. It carries the equivalency of AP weight, and may replace a day class. Student will have more academic and elective options. Students must contact their guidance counselor if interested. They will identify the course work available and schedule an Accuplacer test to determine eligibility. Study materials may be found at [www.bristolcc.edu](http://www.bristolcc.edu) and click on the Accuplacer link.

## 5. Parent Input

- Multiple questions from parents were answered regarding Dual Enrollment.

## 6. September Recap

- Bag2school – Collected 1,800 pounds of bags. Another round will be scheduled for Spring, 2018.
- Car Show – The show was a success. Received numerous donations from local businesses. PAC would like to hold this event again next year. Seeking a DJ to donate their time for the event. Pro's and Cons were discussed regarding the judging. Entrants would like rules to allow them to vote in their own class. Council is open to suggestions for next year – such as should we serve a breakfast or brunch? If so, more volunteers would be required. Possibly Culinary Arts students could prepare the food. PAC will check with other car shows for NHS requirements and ideas.

## 7. October Events

- Movie night – Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. on the field. Popcorn to be donated by Barrett's. Burgers, pizza, drinks and candy will be served.
- Ceramic night – Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Border City Ceramics will provide materials and light refreshments.

## 8. Upcoming Events

- Craft Fair – Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Set-up occur on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. As of the meeting date, 38 vendors booked, requiring 48-50 tables needed. Variety of vendors this year. The following foods will be served: meatballs, cacoila, chow mein, chourico and peppers, hotdogs, Marzilli's grinders, nachos, chilli, candy, chips and possibly clam chowder. We will be checking with parents for donations for a bake sale and asking Leddy's

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for donated baked goods. Drink inventory will need to be taken to see what we will need to purchase for that day. Students will be asked to take food orders for the vendors. Apparel will be sold at this event. Donna has been advertising and we will post on Twitter.

## 9. New Business

- Thanksgiving Baskets – Each year the PAC collects items to make Thanksgiving baskets and the Administration holds a raffle. All Diman families are eligible to win. There will be a collection at the Craft Fair. Donators will receive one raffle tickets per donated item. A phone blast will be going out to families regarding the donation.
- Discussion circulated regarding interest in doing a hat/glove collection or Adopt-a-family for December.
- Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> there will be an Exploratory Parent Forum in Room 251.
- Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> Baycoast Bank will no longer be monitoring if Council has two signatures on checks. For now, Council will continue with this.
- Hurricane relief – A flyer was sent home with students asking for non-perishable items.
- The Improbable Players – This was a play regarding substance abuse. Council was asked if Diman was interested in having a show. It was decided not to pursue at this time, as it was expensive, and Council is losing funds from no concessions at football games. Idea has been tabled.
- Stop & Shop A+ Rewards – Registry is open (October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017-March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018). Our coordinator can no longer enter numbers for everyone individuals must do these themselves. People who have already signed up will be contacted about this. A flyer will be distributed to parents and faculty encouraging them to sign-up. Discussion circulated to have a laptop at events allowing parents or faculty to sign-up. Postings will be placed on Facebook and Twitter also.

## 10. Old Business

- All old business was discussed throughout the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting will be held on November 1, 2017.